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Lots of love

Love David

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Holy Saturday 1932.

My very dear Rene & Joan:

To thank you ever so much for both your letters. I was so very pleased to get them this morn. I'm sorry to repeat the same text as I sent to Petra but it seems to me jolly good and I hadn't noticed it before – also I was pleased to notice that St Augustine in a bit of his sermon used for the sixth lesson of the matins for Good Friday, has a good word for Pilate – or do you suppose that is just ante 'Perfidious Jew' stuff. because of his being Roman magnificently – no – I think it's alright. I managed to get out to part of the Vigil rites of the Redeemer this morning. otherwise I've been to nothing. Was sorry that some bastard in the choir* did Caruso stuff just a bit too previous and swallowed up the Celebrant's commencing of the Magnificat at the end of Mass which is one of the pleasures of the year I think – however. Yes wasn't it beastly not being able to get off with the lads on Tuesday – it was horrible – and everything packed ready & all things ready – these crashing colds on top of each other are becoming a nightmare. Nothing really to tell you. Am going to Rock sometime soon. Glad to hear from Petra that David P. is a little better. How goes the gun-pit fatigue. Suppose by the time I come down you'll have 'em all in position. Does it run immediately outside your windows? Where do you do your fall Cumber-camp stuff? You must tell me more about it. By what act of the will supported by what direction of the Intelligence do you do you wear boots? ... does it excite, above his nature, enabled to take the first plunge – the dog Tuck. Don't let him nip 'em:

Mr is here now – I was wondering if you were getting to be without water in the cisterns. – but I Eric told me. there was plenty. and I hear a great black bath is being installed at H.Q. suppose they'll allow the Company to go around and use it, when they come out of the line.

Eric said that Michael Mary Emmanuel was flourishing like the rose. I'm awfully glad.

I was scheming to get some water-colours done at Caldey. I don't really quite know now what I shall do – I don't know exactly when the boys come back – Tom, I think, on Tuesday. If I get alright quickly I might go next week although I don't much fancy going alone – It's really an awful curse this everlasting getting ill and it's worse every year. I must do a terrible lot of painting this year because I'm going to have a show at the Leicester Gallery in the Spring or if I'm ready, in the late Autumn. – The work proceeds at a very slow pace – but does just proceed. I don't think I have read much new. Been looking at Butcher & Lang's translation of the Odyssey but can't get on with it much – translations never are things – no that's absurd. of course they can be – well anyway this isn't. – I mean the B & L. isn't – to me. Give my love to Eric & Mary and everybody and thank Petra for her letter – I was terrifically pleased to get it

* Don't know how you spell his name but you know, the macaroni-merchant.

Thank you Joan most awfully for asking me to come & stay – I would as soon as ever I can but I shall have to go to Rock first. – but I do look forward to coming when I can – and I know – God bless you. Your very affectionate David.

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This is the passage from Augustine:

Nam cum dixisset eis Pilatus: Vos eum occidite: responderunt, Nobis non licet occidere quemquam. Iniquitatem facinoris sui in judicem hominem refundere volebant: sed numquid Deum judicem fallebant? Quod fecit Pilatus, in eo ipso quod fecit, aliquantum particeps fuit: sed in comparatione illorum multo ipse innocentior. Institit enim quantum potuit, ut illum ex eorum manibus liberaret: nam propterea flagellatum produxit ad eos.

For when Pilate said; Kill him yourselves, they answered It is not lawful for us to kill any man. The wickedness of their crime they sought to throw back upon a human judge: but did they deceive a judge who is God? With regard to what Pilate did, by the very fact that he did it, he was to some degree an accomplice, but in comparison with the Jews he was himself much less guilty; for he strove, so far as he could, to free him from their hands: and it was for that reason that he brought him out to them after scourging him.

(Good Friday Tenebrae)